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EAA CAPTER 319

January 2008

EAA chapter 319 meets the 2nd
Thursday of each month at the
Aerospace Center, 5060 Cirrus
Dr. Medford, Join us!

NEXT MEETING

January 10th 7:30 PM

Board of Directors will meet at
6:30 PM

OUR PROGRAM

Re-live some of the experiences of a 1962-63 Antarctic Expedition in the days before GPS and 60 mph snowmobiles, and not without its share of mishaps. Dean Edson will present a photographic program of a 3 month odyssey in the Ellsworth Mountains of the southern frozen continent.

FROM THE LEFT SEAT

Yogi Berra was a well known baseball player. His second claim to fame was that he was one of the most quoted figures in the sports world. I would like to borrow some of his quotes to explain where I believe EAA chapter 319 should be headed.

Starting with "this is like deja vu all over again" describes the situation as I start my fourth term as president of Chapter 319. I first served in 1993, again in 1995, and still again in 2005. Never two years in a row, and as Yogi said, "You can observe a lot just by watching."

"You've got to be very careful if you don't know where you're going, because you might not get there." In fact, "If you don't know where you are going, you will wind up somewhere else." Pamela and I believe so much in EAA and what it has done, and is doing, for general aviation and aviation in general. As you might recall, Pamela served as your president for three years in a

row. We believe Chapter 319 has a purpose here in the Medford area, and we need to go for it. Again quoting Yogi, when asked for the time, he replied "Do you mean now?" What better time is there than now?

We have to decide what needs to be done to give the chapter a purpose. As Yogi said, "If you come to a fork in the road, take it." We are at a fork in the road right now. Once in reply to the statement "Hey Yogi, I think we're lost," Yogi said "Yeah, but we're making great time!" We have been spinning our wheels trying to figure out what we want to be. The basic concepts of EAA is building or renovating aircraft, and flying. Many of our members don't own an aircraft, and many don't even fly, but they love aviation. Some members feel that we have become an aviation social club. Whatever it is that we are or want to become, we should strive to be the best. I am dedicated to that goal.

We will be involved in the visit by EAA's B-17 on May 12-15, and Central Point has asked us to participate in their 4th of July parade. Preparing the VariEze for the parade is a project that should be done soon. Also, the Link Trainer has to be maintained. We need to decide how often we want to fly Young Eagles and when. The Rogue Valley Air Festival will again be held at the Jet Center North on June 7th and 8th, and the Medford Air Service open house will be on September 27th and 28th. Both of these events will be good times for the Young Eagles and the usage of the Link Trainer.

EAA Chapter 319 is a members' organization, a democratic organization. The Board of Directors will be responsible for taking care of housekeeping chapter business, but the members will make major decisions when called for by our bylaws. The desired purpose of the general meetings is to learn something about aviation and to enjoy the company of our friends.

I look forward to a good year.

Cheers,
Art Lumley, President

Minutes
November 8, 2007
EAA Chapter 319 General Membership Meeting

General membership meeting was called to order by President Bud Liberatore at 7:33

PM. Bud asked those in attendance to introduce themselves. He then gave a brief listing of the chapter activities over the past year as follows.

- April – Air safety seminar.
- June – Fly out to Montague airport in California.
- July – Fourth of July parade in Central Point with EAA Chapter entering an Ercoupe on a trailer.
- August – Co-sponsor of a fly in to the Mucky Flats airport.
- September – Participation in the Medford Air open house with six Young Eagles flights given.

Bud reminds folks that the VariEze is an ongoing EAA chapter project. Doug reports that the trailer for the VariEze is ready. Doug also thanks all who take the time to be part of EAA as EAA, along with AOPA, are important organizations working to preserve general aviation in the USA.

Joan Pankonin reports on a letter and picture received from Paul Poberenzy. Paul read the chapter minutes reporting on the meeting where several former military pilots appeared and reminisced on their aviation careers. Paul was touched and impressed. He sent along a nice picture of himself with his P-51 which now resides in the EAA museum.

Bud announced the nomination for 2008 chapter officers as: Art Lumley for President, Steve Pankonin for Vice-President, Glen Finley for Treasurer, and Dennis Lewis for Secretary. Bud asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. The nominated slate of officers was elected by unanimous consent. The other chapter officials were announced as Joan Pankonin, at large board member; Kay Chaffey, at large board member; Brad Pankonin, webmaster; and Doug Dunn, newsletter editor.

Bud announces that the Board has decided to try holding meetings in 2008 on alternating Thursdays and Saturdays. The Thursday meetings would continue as evening meetings at the CAP hangar. The Saturday meetings would be daytime meetings at the location of some airplane building project.

Sam Russell mentions that he has rented hangar U-1 at the Medford airport and is working on the restoration of an Aeronca Chief. He has more space than he needs in the hangar and is interested in renting part of the hangar.

Linda Ross announces that the next air safety seminar is to be April 23, 2008.

Carole Dunn reminds folks that the Annual dinner is to be December 7, 2007 at the Hungry Woodsman, and costs \$42 per couple.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Dennis Lewis, Chapter Secretary.

FROM THE EDITOR

Dues are Due. Still only \$20. per individual or #30. for a family membership. Please make your checks out to 'EAA 319' and bring them to the meeting on January 10th or send them to Carole Dunn at
844 North Riverside Ave. Medford, OR 97501

The awards dinner was a success as usual, we had about 40 people in attendance at the Hungry Woodsman. The food and the service were both excellent. Richard Hendrickson received the Ray Bruton award and the Presidents award went to Art Lumley.

Thank you Joan for passing the newsletter keyboard over to me. I will try to make you proud.

Vice President, Steve Pankonin, is advocating going back to a practice used several years ago in our chapter. That is to alternate meetings between the second Thursday and a Saturday the next so members might be better able to attend more often. The Saturday gatherings could be to see someone's project. It would help fulfill our prime directives of education and building and restoring aircraft. This might take some coordination, but it was done before and it can be done again. Send your thoughts on this to Editor@eaa319.org

Sadly we have lost two of our past members last month. Mike Combs and Merle Mills. Mike was a member from 1981 through 1990. Merle though not a charter member had been with our chapter since the beginning and held the offices of Vice President in 1974 and Secretary in 1978.

Newsletter deadline - Two weeks before a meeting. Please submit your articles or letters to the editor as early as possible. Editor@eaa319.org

Calendar

January 10: EAA meeting at CAP hangar

April 5: Pear Blossom Parade

April 23: FAA Safety Seminar

May 12-15: B-17 (Open to the public 13 and 14)

Helpers requested.

June 17-18: Jet Center North Air Festival.

July 4: Central Point parade

August 2: Mucky Flats

**September 27-28: Medford Air Service open house and
NW Regional meeting and exhibit of the American
Society of Aviation Artists**

December 5: Awards dinner

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